Industries Development and Regulation Act, 1950. In addition, Government also consults stakeholders regarding various entries in the list.

(f) On 30th August, 2000, the Prime Minister announced a Comprehensive Policy Package for the promotion and development of Small Scale Sector to enhance its competitiveness, both domestically and globally. The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit supports, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

Schemes for small and tiny sectors

1784. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes meant for benefits of the small and tiny sectors in the country;

(b) the manner in which those schemes are going to benefit the small scale and tiny sectors of Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country; and

(c) the details of the loans sanctioned, disbursed and repayment made, State-wise, especially to Tamil Nadu, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Central Government has been implementing various schemes for the benefit of the small and tiny sector in the country covering areas of credit, infrastructure, technology, marketing, entrepreneurship development etc. These schemes form integral part of the Comprehensive Policy Package announced in August, 2000 to enhance the competitiveness of the SSI sector both domestically and globally. These schemes are applicable throughout the country.

(b) As a result of various ongoing schemes and programmes, the number of SSI units including tiny units, has increased from 29.44 lakh (registered and unregistered) in 1997-98 to 34.64 lakh in 2001-02. In Tamil Nadu the number of registered SSI units has increased from 2.81 lakh in 1997-98 to 3.76 lakh in 2001-02.

(c) The data on sanctions, disbursement and repayment of loans in respect of SSI units are not maintained Centrally.